

Recent news reports have revealed that criminal groups, some masquerading as relief workers, are luring young girls and boys across borders into brothels in India into forced prostitution or into forced labor. Some traffickers have put a price on these young ones' lives, offering \$500 per child.

It is truly sickening that these criminals are using the chaos and insecurity following an earthquake that claimed 8,000 lives to steal many more vulnerable lives. The United Nations and some NGOs estimate between 12,000 and 15,000 girls are trafficked from Nepal alone.

As a member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I have introduced legislation targeting the demand for sex trafficking. Those who sell and purchase these young lives must be brought to justice, and government must take action. Nepal's most vulnerable cannot and should not be forgotten.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL AND JOB TRAINING

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the importance of investing in our Nation's infrastructure. This is all about the future economy of this Nation and jobs, jobs, and jobs.

Today, we are living off the investments that our parents and our grandparents made generations ago. Let me give you an example of what we are trying to do in California.

A high-speed rail project is a great example of how you invest in the future. This project in California will create 20,000 jobs annually for the next 5 years, a fact important not only to California, but my district, which is economically challenged.

Workforce investment boards in my district and throughout the valley have dedicated resources to making sure that the local workforce is ready to build. Apprenticeship programs like these connect disadvantaged workers with good-paying jobs and boost the valley's economy.

The California high-speed rail project, which combines Federal, State, and private sector investments, will ensure that our State transportation infrastructure is fit for the 21st century.

Here in our Nation's Capital, we need to provide the long-term funding for infrastructure across the Nation. That is what we need to do: to invest in our water projects and invest in our transportation projects. That is what we need for jobs in the 21st century.

ARMY'S 240TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Sunday marks the 240th birthday of the United States Army. Established on June 14, 1775, as the Continental Army, the U.S. Army faithfully protects American families.

I am grateful to represent Fort Jackson, the largest initial-entry training facility in the U.S. Army. Last month, I attended Fort Jackson's change of command, where I was honored to recognize Major General Bradley Becker and Brigadier General Roger Cloutier for their leadership and dedicated service.

As the son of an Army Air Corps Flying Tiger of the 14th Air Force and as the father of three sons currently serving in the South Carolina Army National Guard and myself as a veteran of the Army Reserve in the South Carolina Army National Guard, I am grateful to know firsthand of the competence and patriotism of our service members.

Twenty-five years ago today, I visited the Berlin Wall and was denied entry into East Germany at the Brandenburg Gate. Now, more countries than ever live in freedom and democracy than in the history of the world due to the success of the U.S. military.

Today is the anniversary of President Ronald Reagan's proclamation, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" in 1987, proving peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

God bless the U.S. Army.

VOTE DOWN FAST TRACK

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today this Congress can be fast-tracked or it can take the right track. We can seek strong, new trade agreements that benefit American families, or we can continue to backtrack with the failed policies of the past.

In the Ways and Means Committee, in the Rules Committee, every attempt to make constructive improvements in this fast-track bill have been side-tracked.

First, we ask that the foreign corporations not be given more rights than American corporations and taxpayer funds awarded by some private tribunal.

Second, we ask that the Administration, if it is such a good trade deal, that they be open with it. Tell us at least as much as the Vietnamese Politburo learned.

Third, I ask that they at least meet the environmental standards of the last Bush administration.

In each case, those amendments and all other constructive improvements were rejected.

Today, let's not backtrack. Let's not fast-track. Let's vote down this bill and have an opportunity to create a

21st century trade policy that meets the needs of our families and businesses.

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ENSURING TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL ACT

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 305, I call up the bill (H.R. 1314) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a right to an administrative appeal relating to adverse determinations of tax-exempt status of certain organizations, with the Senate amendment thereto, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The Clerk will designate the Senate amendment.

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Trade Act of 2015".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Trade negotiating objectives.

Sec. 103. Trade agreements authority.

Sec. 104. Congressional oversight, consultations, and access to information.

Sec. 105. Notice, consultations, and reports.

Sec. 106. Implementation of trade agreements.

Sec. 107. Treatment of certain trade agreements for which negotiations have already begun.

Sec. 108. Sovereignty.

Sec. 109. Interests of small businesses.

Sec. 110. Conforming amendments; application of certain provisions.

Sec. 111. Definitions.

TITLE II—EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. Application of provisions relating to trade adjustment assistance.

Sec. 203. Extension of trade adjustment assistance program.

Sec. 204. Performance measurement and reporting.

Sec. 205. Applicability of trade adjustment assistance provisions.

Sec. 206. Sunset provisions.

Sec. 207. Extension and modification of Health Coverage Tax Credit.

Sec. 208. Customs user fees.

Sec. 209. Child tax credit not refundable for taxpayers electing to exclude foreign earned income from tax.

Sec. 210. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.

Sec. 211. Coverage and payment for renal dialysis services for individuals with acute kidney injury.

Sec. 212. Modification of the Medicare sequester for fiscal year 2024.

TITLE I—TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015".

SEC. 102. TRADE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES.

(a) *OVERALL TRADE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES.*—The overall trade negotiating objectives